

1 Sub. c! > 1. (Amended) A ~~golf bag comprising:~~  
2 a storage tube having an open first end and a closed second end for  
3 storing and transporting a golf club; and  
4 a single-walled panel member removably coupled to a first  
5 longitudinal side of the golf bag in order to facilitate affixation of indicia to  
6 said single-walled panel member, said single-walled panel member  
7 having an outer surface and an inner surface.

1 3. (Amended) The golf bag according to claim 2, wherein carrying  
2 strap is coupled to a second longitudinal side of the golf bag diametrically  
3 opposite said first longitudinal side.

1 4. (Amended) The golf bag according to claim 1, wherein the single-  
2 walled panel member is removably coupled to the first longitudinal side by a  
3 securing mechanism including a first securing portion coupled to the golf bag  
4 and a second mating securing portion which is positioned about a periphery of  
5 said single-walled panel member, said second mating securing portion being  
6 aligned with and coupled to the first securing portion [panel member].

1 6. (Amended) The golf bag according to claim 5, wherein said [panel  
2 member includes:  
3 [an] outer surface is made of a water-resistant material[;] and  
4 [an] said inner surface is made of a padded material[, the inner  
5 surface being coupled to the outer surface].

~~Sub. c257.~~ (Amended) A golf bag comprising:

2 a storage tube having an open first end and a closed second end for  
3 storing and transporting a golf club;

4 a carrying strap coupled to a second longitudinal side of the golf bag;  
5 and

6 a single-walled [rectangular] panel member removably coupled to a  
7 first longitudinal side of the golf bag diametrically opposite said second  
8 longitudinal side, said single-walled panel member having an outer  
9 surface and an inner surface, is separately detachable from said first  
10 longitudinal side of said golf bag in order to facilitate affixation of indicia  
11 to said single-walled panel member.

1 8. (Amended) [A] The golf bag according to claim 7, wherein said  
2 single-walled panel member further includes:

3 [an outer surface made of water-resistant material,  
4 an inner surface made of a padded material, said inner surface being  
5 affixed to the outer surface, and]

6 a second mating securing portion circumscribing a perimeter of said  
7 single-walled panel member, said second mating securing portion being  
8 aligned with a first securing portion coupled to the first longitudinal side  
9 of the golf bag, wherein said second mating securing portion being coupled  
10 to said first securing portion in order to fixedly attach said single-walled  
11 panel member to the golf bag.

Please add claims 15 and 16 as follows:

1      *12/15.* (New) The golf bag according to claim 8, wherein said outer and  
2      inner surfaces of said single-walled panel member are made of water-resistant  
3      material and a padded material, respectively.

1      *Sub. c3)* 16. (New) A golf bag comprising:  
2      a storage tube having an open first and a closed second end for  
3      storing a golf club after said golf club is inserted through the open first end;  
4      and  
5      a single-walled panel member coupled to a first longitudinal side of  
6      said golf bag through a securing mechanism including a second mating  
7      securing portion around a periphery of said single-walled panel member  
8      and a first securing portion being geometrically aligned with said second  
9      mating securing portion and coupled to said first longitudinal side of said  
10     golf bag, said single walled panel member being completely detachable  
11     from said first longitudinal side of said golf bag by decoupling said second  
12     mating securing portion from said first securing portion.